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TAGS: TGEN, TSPA, UR, US  
SUBJ: SHUTTLE-SALYUT DRAFT AGREEMENT: US-USSR SPACE AGREEMENT  
(04.00)

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5071, (B) STATE 83595

1. VERESHCHETIN PROVIDED SCICOUNS APRIL 19 WITH RUSSIAN  
VERSION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT. HE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:  
(A) TITLE REMAINS "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE  
AND NASA ON SPACE RESEARCH AND COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF  
MANNED SPACE FLIGHT". VERESHCHETIN NOTED THAT FRUTKIN LETTER  
(REF B) PROVIDES OPTION FOR SOVIETS TO RETAIN THE  
TITLE THAT THEY ORIGINALLY PROPOSED FOR AGREEMENT.  
(B) PARAGRAPH IN ARTICLE 1 THAT BEGINS "WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER  
THE AGREEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ..." HAS FOLLOWING PHRASE  
ADDED AT THE END OF PARAGRAPH, "THE WORK OF BOTH JOINT WORKING  
GROUPS SHOULD BEGIN SIMULTANEOUSLY". VERESHCHETIN NOTED HERE THAT  
PHRASE IN FRUTKIN LETTER (REF B) CONCERNING WORKING GROUPS  
"SINCE THIS IS THE ORDER IN WHICH WE AGREED THEY WOULD BEGIN  
THEIR WORK" CAUSED SOVNETS SOME CONCERN. SOVIETS UNDERSTAND  
THAT IN OCTOBER MEETING AGREEMENT WAS ACHIEVED THAT BOTH  
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WORKING GROUPS WOULD BEGIN SIMULTANEOUSLY. VERESHCHETIN ELABORATED  
ON THIS POINT BY NOTING THAT BOTH SIDES WILL BE WORKING WITH  
ALREADY ESTABLISHED SPACECRAFT (I.E., SHUTTLE AND SALYUT)  
AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BASIS AND  
APPLIED SCIENCE JOINT WORKING GROUP TO REACH AGREEMENT  
WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF  
THESE SPACECRAFT. VERESHCHETIN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS

THAT DECISION FOR JOINT SHUTTLE-SALYUT FLIGHT WOULD BE  
ARRIVED AT FIRST IN THE BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCE JWG  
AND THE FOLLOW THROUGH WOULD BE IN THE OPERATIONS JWG.

(C) SOVIET TEXT HAS EXACT TRANSLATION OF PROPOSED NASA  
PARAGRAPH ON ACCOMMODATION OF PAYLOADS PER REFTTEL B.  
(C) REMAINDER OF TEXT IDENTICAL TO THAT ALREADY AGREED BETWEEN  
THE NASA AND INTERKOSMOS. VERESHCHETIN SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE  
TELEGRAPHIC REPLY FROM NASA AS TO WHETHER THE ADDED PHRASE "THE  
WORK OF BOTH JOINT WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BEGIN SIMULTANEOUSLY",  
ACCEPTABLE. HE STATED THE SOVIETS HAVE TWO ORIGINALS OF  
RUSSIAN TEXT READY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO NASA THROUGH EMBASSY AS  
SOON AS NASA CONCURRENCE RECEIVED. VERESHCHETIN SAID THE  
SOVIETS HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER AGREEMENT WILL BE  
SIGNED BY ACADEMY PRESIDENT ALEXANDOR OR PETROV BUT IN ANY  
EVENT DR. LOVELACE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY SIGNER ON THE U.S. SIDE.  
EMBASSY POUCHING RUSSIAN TEXT RECEIVED TODAY TO NASA FOR  
ZOOK.

2. VERESHCHETIN CONCLUDED DISCUSSIONS OF THE SHUTTLE-  
SALYUT AGREEMENT BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE  
SIGNED THIS MONTH AND THAT JWG CAN START MEETING IN MOSCOW  
BY END OF MAY.

3. TURNING TO RENEWAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT,  
VERESHCHETIN COMMENTED THAT MFA LAWYERS HAVE ADVISED HIM  
THAT ARTICLE 3 OF MAY 24, 1972 AGREEMENT WOULD NOT NEED  
REVISION; REFERENCE TO THW SHUTTLE-SALYUT AGREEMENT COULD BE  
MADE IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES DOCUMENTING THE EXTENSION OF THE  
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INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

4. VERESHCHETIN STATED THE SOVIET SIDE WAS LESS SURE HOW  
TO HANDLE THE ACADEMY-NASA AGREEMENT REFERENCED IN ARTICLE 1  
OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, NOTING THAT THE  
SOVIETS CONSIDER THE NASA ACADEMY AGREEMENT AS ALREADY  
HAVING BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH EXCHANGES OF TELEXES. SCICOUNS  
NOTED HERE THAT WHILE THIS MAY BE SO, NASA EXPECTS A FULL  
REPLY TO THE LOVELACE LETTER ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF  
THE JWGS IN THIS AGREEMENT. VERESHCHETIN RESPONDED THAT HIS  
SIDE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD ON THIS AND THAT A FORMAL RESPONSE  
FROM PETROV WILL BE READY WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS. VERESHCHETIN  
ALSO NOTED THAT THE EXACT DATE THE ACADEMY-NASA AGREEMENT  
HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND FOR WHAT PERIOD STILL NEEDS TO BE  
DOCUMENTED.  
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